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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following information in relation to this application and to indicate that each of the references was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO-A820 form(s).

The cited references relate to various the use of anodized layers in sterilization apparatus. The references are discussed more completely in the accompanying Separate Discussion of the Art.

Respectfully submitted,



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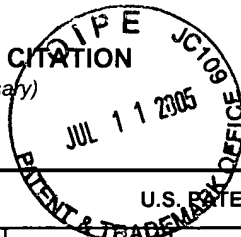
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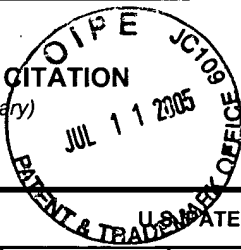
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